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## 36,000 ITALIAN PRISONERS ARE MOVED OUT OF BATTLE AREA IN NORTH AFRICA: BARDIA SHELLED

### Offensive Patrols Continue On The Kenya Frontier

THE NUMBER OF ITALIAN PRISONERS MOVED OUT OF THE BATTLE AREA IN NORTH AFRICA IS NEARLY 36,000 WHILE SEVERAL THOUSANDS ARE STILL AWAITING TO BE MOVED UP, SAYS A LONDON MESSAGE.

Bardia is being shelled while British preparations are continuing outside.

A General Headquarters communiqué from Cairo states: "Our artillery has continued to harass the enemy inside the defences of Bardia while preparations outside are progressing. The number of prisoners evacuated from the area is 35,941 including 1,704 officers."

"Several thousands are still awaiting to be moved up from the forward captures."

"On the Kenya frontier offensive patrols continue."

## Greeks Take Coast Town Of Chimarra

THE GREEKS REPORT MORE IMPORTANT SUCCESSES AGAINST THE ITALIANS THAN THEY HAVE CLAIMED FOR A LONG TIME

The coastal town of Chimarra has now been captured by the Greeks after the Italian had been dislodged from strongly fortified positions and forced to leave large quantities of war material. A number of officers and 800 prisoners were taken.

The Greek advance columns are now driving along the Adriatic coast and are reported to be about 25 miles from Valona, the vital seaport which has already been battered by R. A. F. bombs and shelled by the British Navy.

Fighting is taking place in heavy snow.

The Italians are now stated to be retreating to the shattered port of Valona.

Heavy fighting is now stated to be going on at Tepelini, where the Italian Alpine division is reported to have sustained another defeat.

A particularly satisfactory feature of the fighting was the losses which have been inflicted on the Italian Air Force.

18 PLANES DOWNED.

Greek anti-aircraft batteries are stated to have brought down 18 planes and three bombers were destroyed by machine-gun fire.

The British had a share in two successes against the Italians, when R. A. F. fighters twice intercepted Italian bombers, shooting down one and forcing another to land.

ATHENS CELEBRATION.

A message from Athens says that flags are to be flown there for three days in celebration of a victory which resulted in the capture of Chimarra.

The message points out that this victory was achieved in spite of very bad weather and that the Italians will now be forced to fight a desperate rearward action in their retreat, states a London message.

These figures make it evident that menaces from the mine, submarine and the air are still severe but they are regarded, on the whole, as offering ground for encouragement.

## Today's War Summary

THE APPOINTMENTS OF LORD HALIFAX AS BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, MR. ANTHONY EDEN AS FOREIGN SECRETARY AND CAPT. H. D. R. MARGESSON AS WAR SECRETARY, ARE WARMLY WELCOMED IN THE BRITISH PRESS. THE APPOINTMENT OF LORD HALIFAX IS GENERALLY REGARDED BY NEWSPAPERS IN LONDON AS REPRESENTING A SECURE MEASURE OF IMPORTANCE ATTACHED IN BRITAIN TO THAT POST. IN RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FOREIGN SECRETARY THE PRIME MINISTER HAS BROKEN ALL PRECEDENTS.

MANCHESTER CITY WAS HEAVILY ATTACKED for many hours by German raiders on Sunday night. A large number of fires were caused and considerable damage was done to buildings and shops. It is known that a number of people were killed and many others injured.

LATEST REPORTS FROM THE NORTH AFRICA THEATRE OF WAR REVEAL THAT 36,000 ITALIAN PRISONERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE BATTLE AREA. MEANWHILE BARDIA IS STILL BEING SHELLED WHILE BRITISH PREPARATIONS ARE CONTINUING OUTSIDE.

BRITISH SHIPPING LOSSES DUE TO ENEMY ACTION FOR THE WEEK ENDED DEC. 16 WERE WELL BELOW THE WEEKLY AVERAGE FOR THE WHOLE OF THE WAR WHICH STANDS AT NEARLY 64,000 TONS. FIVE BRITISH SHIPS AND TWO ALLIED WERE LOST.

### CHINESE AID FOR AIR RAID FUND

AS THE RESULT OF A BIG DRIVE LAUNCHED BY THE CHINESE IN MALAYA THE SUM OF £30,000 HAS BEEN RAISED FOR THE BRITISH AIR RAID RELIEF FUND, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

### GRAZIANI EXPLAINS WESTERN DESERT REVERSSES

MARSHAL GRASIANI, THE ITALIAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN NORTH AFRICA, HAS NOW SET OUT HIS EXPLANATIONS FOR THE REVERSSES SUFFERED BY HIS TROOPS IN THE WESTERN DESERT, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

IN A REPORT TO SIGNOR MUSSOLINI, THE MARSHAL TAKES THE LINE THAT THE ITALIAN FORCES WERE NOT TAKEN BY SURPRISE, BUT THAT THEIR DEFEAT WAS DUE TO SUPERIOR BRITISH TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT.

IN TRYING TO POACH POACH, THE BRITISH CHIEF HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE ITALIAN, OR SO IT SEEMS, AS UNPREDICTABLE. GRAZIANI SAYS THAT HE KNEW ABOUT THE ATTACK TEN DAYS IN ADVANCE AND THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO ATTACK HIMSELF WHEN THE BRITISH MADE THEIR MOVE.

TERRIBLE ARTILLERY

HIS REPORT CONTINUES: "THE R.A.F. FLEW LOW OVER OUR DEFENCE LINES AND AFTER A TERRIBLE ARTILLERY AND SEA BOMBARDMENT, ARMoured CARS CAME OVER AND OVERTHREW OUR CENTRES OF RESISTANCE."

THE MARSHAL SAYS THAT THE BATTLE WAS THE MOST BLOODY, AND THAT MANY ITALIAN DETACHMENTS WERE

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### Swiss Protest To British Government

BERNE, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—THE SWISS LEGISLATION IN LONDON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A "SERIOUS PROTEST" TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AGAINST "GRAVE VIOLATIONS" OF SWISS NEUTRALITY IN FLIGHTS OVER SWITZERLAND ON THE NIGHTS OF DEC. 21 AND 22, AND TO CLAIM DAMAGES.

A COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THAT THE PLANES WERE OF BRITISH NATIONALITY AND THE BOMBS WHICH FELL IN ZURICH ON THE EVENING OF DEC. 22 WERE OF BRITISH ORIGIN AND DECLARES THAT FULL DAMAGES ARE TO BE CLAIMED BOTH IN RESPECT OF PROPERTY,

AND OF INJURY TO THE VICTIMS, AND THE LEGATION IS TO INSIST THAT MORE EFFECTIVE STEPS BE TAKEN TO AVOID A REPETITION OF SUCH INCIDENTS.

EDEN'S RETURN

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, SECRETARY FOR WAR, TAKES LORD HALIFAX'S SEAT ON

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON HIS RETURN TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

IT IS NOW JUST THREE YEARS SINCE HE

RESIGNED FROM THE FOREIGN SECRETARYSHIP OWING TO DISAGREEMENT WITH MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S APPROPRIATION POLICY TOWARD ITALY.

AT THAT TIME HE WAS THE YOUNGEST HOLDER

OF THAT OFFICE FOR 84 YEARS.

EDEN CRABBONE WILL NOW GO TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS AS GOVERNMENT SPEAKMAN. HE IS 47 YEARS OF AGE.

HE WILL RETAIN HIS OFFICE AS SECRETARY FOR DOMINIONA.

THE OTHER NEW MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT DOES NOT CARRY A SEAT IN

THE WAR CABINET. CAPT. MARGESSON, WHO HAS BEEN MADE SECRETARY FOR WAR, HAS BEEN CHIEF PARLIAMENTARY WHIP AND HIS TALENTS FOR

ORGANISATION WILL NOW BE DIRECTED

TO THE WAR OFFICE. HE IS 50 YEARS OF AGE.

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### Stronger Malaya Defences

LONDON, Dec. 23 (B.W.B.)—A

BRITISH FAR EAST HEADQUARTERS

COMMUNIQUE LANDED AT SINGAPORE

STATES: "SUBSTANTIAL REINFORCEMENTS

OF ALL ARMS FOR THE FAR EASTERN

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## "NO MORE DETERMINED ENEMY OF HITLER": APPOINTMENT OF LORD HALIFAX TO WASHINGTON POST UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

### Mr. Eden Regarded As Outstanding Opponent Of Appeasement

LORD HALIFAX, Foreign Secretary and a former Viceroy of India, will take over his new appointment as BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES in succession to the late Lord Lothian early in the new year, states a London message.

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, Secretary for War since May 13 this year, took over his new office as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (a post in which he formerly served) yesterday.

The new War Minister is CAPT. H. D. R. MARGESSON, Chief Government Whip for the past decade.

"There is no more determined enemy of Herr Hitler and all that he stands for than this gentle and great-hearted Englishman."

This comment by the NEW YORK TIMES is but one of the expressions of approval both in Britain and the United States on the appointment of Lord Halifax to the post of British Ambassador in Washington.

The London message, giving these comments, states that Lord Halifax, in giving up his appointment as Foreign Secretary, is taking a unique step, which shows beyond any words, the importance which he and the British Government attach to relations with the United States both during the war and after.

Mr. Anthony Eden takes up the seals of office as Foreign Secretary for the second time in his political career, said Mr. Martin.

His first appointment followed after long experience in foreign affairs which began in 1926, when he was Parliamentary Secretary to the late Sir Austen Chamberlain, who was then Foreign Minister.

"When the Government was formed under the late Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, Mr. Eden became Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and impressed with his knowledge of the subjects dealt with by the Foreign Office. It was, however, as Minister to the League of Nations that he impressed most."

18 IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THE BRITISH EMPIRE HAD NEVER WANTED TO BE THE ENEMY OF ITALY.

In that message, Mr. Churchill asked Mussolini not to take his words as displaying a spirit of weakness or of fear. It was meant to prevent two Christian and civilised nations being opposed to each other.

The Premier also gave Mussolini's reply to his message in which Il Duce reminded Mr. Churchill of the initiative taken by the British Government in 1935 to order sanctions against Italy at Geneva.

Mussolini's reply also stated that the character of the Italian agreement with Germany had ranged the two countries in opposite camps.

Mr. Churchill concluded: "That was the answer to my appeal. I make no comment whatever. It speaks for itself. Anyone can see who it was that wanted peace and who it was that meant to have war. One man and one man only was resolved to plunge Italy into the whirlpool of war."

"WHAT IS THE POSITION OF ITALY TODAY? WHERE HAS IL DUCE LED HIS PEOPLE AFTER 18 YEARS OF DICTATORIAL POWER? WHAT CHOICE LIES OPEN TO THEM NOW?"

"IT IS OPEN TO THE WHOLE BATTERY OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, AND TO VIGOROUS COUNTER-ATTACKS OF THE GREEKS."

Mr. Churchill said that what was still open to the Italian people was to allow themselves to be bounded by the Gestapo and terrorised by Nazi domination.

"ONE MAN AND ONE MAN ALONE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS AND THERE I LEAVE THIS STORY. THE DAY WILL PROBABLY COME WHEN THE ITALIAN NATION AND THE ITALIAN PEOPLE WILL TAKE STEPS TO SHAPE THEIR OWN FORTUNES."



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24—Tides: High 5 a.m. and 5:42 p.m. Low 10:33 a.m.  
Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5:46 p.m.  
Christmas Eve.  
K.R.C. Rotary Club Tennis Meeting, 1 p.m.

Servicemen's Christmas Dinner and Concert, 8, and S. Home, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Teresa's C.Y.M.S. Social Gathering, 8 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Fellowship, Christmas Dinner and Party, 7 p.m.

Claims against estate of Plinio Tinoco and Wong Cheuk-lung due:  
Y.M.C.A.: Badminton, Mixed Swimming, Billiards Match, 7:30 p.m.  
Chinese Manufacturers' Union, Exhibition, Kowloon.

St. Andrew's Fellowship, Christmas Party at Fanling Babies Home, 8:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Church, Carol Service & Christmas Gifts for Fanling Babies Home and Short Play by Young Peoples' Club, 8 p.m.  
Warlike Intercession Service, St. Andrew's 8 p.m.

Midnight Mass at Catholic Churches.

Christ Church Carols, Christmas Play and Midnight Eucharist.

25—Tides: High 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Low 12:43 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.  
Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5:46 p.m.  
Christmas Day.

International Charity Cup Soccer, Scotland v. China (Boundary St.), Rosary Church Rectory, Children's Party, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

26—Tides: High 7:50 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Low 1:40 a.m. and 12:32 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.; Sunset: 5:47 p.m.  
Boxing Day.  
Kwanki Race Meeting.

International Charity Cup Soccer, Portugal v. England (Kowloon F.C.).  
Charity Softball, K.P.C., 10:30 a.m.  
Y.M.C.A.: Women's War Work, 8 a.m.; Swimming: Chess Night, 6 p.m.

27—Tides: High 8:57 a.m. and 8:03 p.m. Low 2:28 a.m. and 1:18 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.; Sunset: 5:47 p.m.  
RA.O.C. Dinner Dance.

Ladies' Working Party, (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.  
Evacuation Representative Committee, Public Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 6 p.m.

Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn., Draw for Debentures, 6 p.m.

28—Tides: High 9:53 a.m. and 8:46 p.m. Low 3:13 a.m. and 1:59 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7:02 a.m.; Sunset: 5:48 p.m.  
Little Flower Club Christmas Dinner.

29—Tides: High 10:39 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Low 3:54 a.m. and 2:46 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7:02 a.m.; Sunset: 5:49 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.  
Chinese Recreation Club, "At Home."

30—Tides: High 11:24 a.m. and 10:08 p.m. Low 4:23 a.m. and 2:26 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7:02 a.m.; Sunset: 5:49 p.m.  
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

## HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 22: Small-Pox one case (imported); Diphtheria three cases; Enteric Fever, three cases; Measles, three cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Dysentery, eight cases; Tuberculosis 24 cases.

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12:30 Mantovani and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trot — The Red Maple Leaves; There's Rain in My Eyes.

Waltz — The Dance Goes On (from 'Over She Goes'); Slow Fox-Trot — Did I Remember? (from 'I'm Suzy'); Tango — O Balalaika; Aloha Marimba.

Slow Fox-Trots — Raindrops; You're Heart and Mine. Waltz — The Humming Waltz.

1:00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1:03 London Palladium Orchestra and Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

La Siesta-Barcarolle (Norton, arr. Lotter); The Grasshopper's Dance (Bucalo); London Palladium Orch.

Voces of Spring (Strauss) — Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orch. When You Dream About Hawaii (from These Foolish Things); Love Makes the World Go Round (from These Foolish Things); Three Dream Reels; Rakes of Colombe — Jig — Frank Murphy with Piano. Vocal Solo.

1:15 Reuter & Ruby Press Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1:30 Variety.

Passing By (Herrick-Purcell); Noel John Noel (Sharp); Paul Robeson (Bass), with Piano accomp. When Evening's Twilight (Haffen); Sweet and Low (Tennyson-Barnby); The Salisbury Singers unaccompanied. Love Is Mine (Gartner); Walt! (O'Hare); Salmon; Alfred Picaver (Tenor) with Piano accomp. It Was a Lover and His Lass (Shakespeare and Moreley); The B.B.C. Wireless Singers — Unaccompanied. There Is A Tavern in the Town (Trad.) — Harold Williams and B.B.C. Male Chorus. At Mother's Knee (Some favourite lullabies) — Intro: Cradle Song (Schubert); Ma curly headed Baby (Cutsam); Lullaby (Brahms); Hush-a-bye Baby — Eddie Ackland (Contralto) with Orchestra and Chorus.

1:45 Orchestral Selections.

Overture "Manzaniello" (Auber) — B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, The Enchanted Lake (Liadov) — Serge Koussevitzky conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra, "Prince Igor" — Polovit March (Borodin-Rimsky-Korsakov) — The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, Fantasia — The British Empire — England; The British Grenadiers; Ireland — The Minstrel Boy; India — Rekhah; Wales — March of the Men of Harlech; Canada — Cancion Song; Australia — Aboriginal Air; South Africa — Folk Song; Scotland — Callie Herrin and The Hundred Pipers; New Zealand — National Sons; Final — Mayfair Symphony Orchestra.

9:00 London Relay — The News and News Commentary.

9:30 London Relay — Talk: "Scots Abroad".

9:45 Corelli — Concerto Grossi in G Minor ("Christmas Concerto").

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

10:00 Studio — An Abridged Version of Dickens' "Christmas Carol".

10:30 Hutchinson — A Noel Fantasy from "A Carol Symphony".

Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden conducted by Hely Hutchinson.

10:40 Royal Command Performance.

To Heart-Easing Mirth (Purcell-Davies) — Isabel Baillie; Elsie Sudaby, Astré Desmond and Chorus. The Cloud-Cap't Towers (Stevens) — Massed Choirs Y Bore Glaz (Welsh Folk Song) — Margaret Rees and Welsh Chorus. Twinkydillo (English Folk Song) — Robert Easton and English Chorus. England (Parry) — Mary Jarred and Massed Chorus. Jerusalem (Parry); National Anthem (Final verse) — Massed Choirs.

11:00 Close down.

12:00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

1:30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot — The King's Navee —

Jack Jackson and His Orchestra.

Quickstep — F.D.R. Jones (from "The Little Dog Laughed") — Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

Party Dance — Kneel Up, Mother Brown; The Black-Out Stroll — Oscar Rabin and His Band.

Novelty Fox-Trot — The Fairy on the Christmas Tree — The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

Rumba — Siboney — Alfredo Brito and His Orchestra.

Quikstep — Goodbye Sally — The Organ, The Dance Band & Mc. Comedy Waltz — All Over Italy — Ray Noble and His Orchestra.

Quickstep — Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major — Sidney Lipton and His Grosvenor House Dance Orch.

7:00 London Relay — The News.

7:15 London Relay — Questions of the Hour.

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## CLAIM FOR POSSESSION OF HILLMAN MINX

### Defendant Questioned On Ability To Purchase Cars On Salary Of \$24 A Month

AT THE RESUMED HEARING OF THE CLAIM BROUGHT BY CHAN SHI-YING, WIDOW, AGAINST LO SANG, A FORMER FIRST-CLASS DISTRICT WATCHMAN, for the return of a Hillman Minx Saloon ex No. 5859, valued at \$1,000, before Mr. Justice Williams at the Supreme Court yesterday, the defendant was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, for the plaintiff as to his ability in purchasing motor-cars when his salary, as a district watchman, was only \$24 per month.

During the course of the cross-examination, defendant denied that he was married or had a concubine. He stated that he borrowed money from his aunt from time to time, and had borrowed \$1,000 from her in March of this year. He went on to say that all loans were free of interest and that he was not required to sign any promissory notes. \$700 was paid down as first payment for the car, said witness.

Questioned as to whether he seriously meant to say that his aunt would lend him money every time he needed it, without interest, without promissory note, and without prospects of being repaid, witness replied that there were prospect of repayment.

His Lordship: What prospects?—The prospects are that when I sell a car I will be able to pay her all back.

Asked by Mr. Remedios whether he borrowed \$2,000 from his aunt in connexion with the purchase of the car, witness said that he borrowed only \$1,000 in cash and that the other \$1,000 was owing previously.

Mr. Remedios: How did you manage? Your salary was only \$24 per month and you had to keep yourself going?—When I borrowed the money I was expecting to pay her back \$1,000 when I re-sell the car.

Witness denied that he obtained the money from the plaintiff. He did not, he said in reply, to another question, borrow money to purchase car No. 775 as he had \$300 left from the previous loan of \$1,000. He denied having bought the car (No. 775).

**REPAID AUNT \$200**

Asked what he did with the balance of the \$300 from the \$1,000, witness said that he repaid his aunt \$200 in June, and paid the first month's instalment of \$70. He also paid the subsequent four instalments, as his car was making money for him.

Asked whether he had not to pay down a lump sum for the Baby Ford and a deposit of \$350 for the Hillman Minx at the time of changing over the first for the second, defendant replied in the affirmative, adding that he again borrowed the money from his aunt. He did not sign any promissory note for this loan.

**CAR TAKEN BACK**

Witness further admitted having entered into an agreement to purchase car No. 3579 on the hire-purchase system and to having paid a deposit of \$250 on that car. He, however, denied that the car was taken back by the owners on his failing to pay the instalments, and said that the car was in a garage for repairs to be carried out.

Pressed by Mr. Remedios whether it was not a fact that the owners, acting under certain conditions in the agreement, took possession of the car from the AM Tung garage on Saturday, defendant stated that they did so but without any warning to him. The total amount he paid on that car was only \$250.

**A WONDERFUL AUNT**

Mr. Remedios: You had such a wonderful aunt, why did you not go to her for the \$50 (instalment) instead of having the car taken away?—I did not go to her because the car was being repaired.

Questioned as to whether he had re-sold any cars he bought from loans from his aunt, witness said that he re-sold car No. 775. Reminded by Mr. Remedios that he had told the Court that he never bought car No. 775, witness stated that his reply was a mistake as he did not understand the question. He did buy car No. 775, and that he obtained part of the \$500 needed from his aunt.

Witness denied that he went with plaintiff to a goldsmith's shop to melt down the plaintiff's jewellery. Asked as to why plaintiff should want to melt her jewellery, defendant replied that it was because she was in need of money to redeem her mu-tsa in Kwong-chau-wan.

**SUB-POENA'D WITNESS**

Leung Yue, motor-car driver, a witness sub-poena'd for the de-

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS AT CENTRAL

### IMPERSONATION CHARGE

Appearing before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on charges of impersonating a police officer and with demanding money with menaces, Tam Chan, 24, unemployed, was remanded 72 hours for further inquiries.

Tam was alleged to have, on Dec. 20, at No. 329 Lockhart Road, ground floor, impersonated as a police officer for an unlawful purpose. Defendant was further alleged to have demanded, with menaces, the sum of \$200 from Wan San, 27, iron worker. Tam pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison is in charge of the case.

### THEFT OF GUNNY SACKS

Pleading guilty to stealing 49 gunny sacks from a godown of Kwan On Co., Morrison Hill Road, on Dec. 22, Wong Sang, 49, unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison said that at about 5 a.m. a constable on patrol saw defendant carrying two bundles of sacks at Gap Road. When questioned defendant admitted stealing them from the godown.

Defendant also pleaded guilty to a second charge of the possession of a pair of pliers fit for an unlawful purpose.

### HOTEL THEFT SEQUEL

Charged with theft of a wallet containing H. K. \$30 and \$180 Chinese currency, property of C. F. Wong, from Room 318, St. Francis Hotel, on Dec. 22, Wong Tin-sang, 35, unemployed, who pleaded not guilty to the charge was remanded till this morning, by Mr. Lowry.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers prosecuted.

### AT KOWLOON

#### DEMANDING MONEY

Convicted of demanding money with menace, Chan Chau, 26, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, followed by expulsion, by Mr. E. Hinsworth yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison, who prosecuted, said that the complainant, Tang Hin, 40, was a magician, plying his business at the vacant ground at Shanghai Street. On Saturday Chinese Sub-Inspector Wong Nai-hin was waiting for a bus in the vicinity and saw the defendant and two other Chinese surround the complainant. The defendant raised his fist in a manner as if he was going to strike the complainant. He went up to inquire and the complainant told him that the defendant threatened him and wanted \$2 as entrance fee of a society.

The defendant alleged that his brother had paid quite a sum of money to the magician to learn magic but his tricks proved unsuccessful and he was asking the defendant to pay him back the money.

### STOLE FROM CAR

Mrs. H. F. Phillips, of No. 28, Kadoorie Avenue, appeared as complainant before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday in the case in which Ms. Shun-tai, 22, was charged with larceny of a canvas bag and contents.

The defendant, who was arrested by a Chinese constable in the act of stealing the bag from the complainant's car parked outside No. 174, Prince Edward Road, on Saturday, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, followed by expulsion. The bag and contents, valued at \$25, were recovered.

### LARCENY OF RING

Sentence of 6 months' hard labour, followed by expulsion, was imposed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen yesterday on Cheung Ping, 33, for stealing a gold ring from a goldsmith.

It was stated that the defendant went to the shop about 6.50 p.m. on Sunday and pretended to buy a ring. The fok gave him a gold ring, valued at \$28, which he took and walked out of the shop.

### A CHINESE CONSTABLE GAVE CHASE AND ARRESTED HIM

How superstition claimed another victim was related before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday when Ho Shing, 30, was charged with obtaining \$352.50 from a rubber dealer, Chan Sun-ng, by falsely pretending that he would buy

## GENERAL

### ACCUSED GIVES EVIDENCE

#### FALSE PRETENCES ALLEGED

Evidence for the defence was given before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the case in which Henry Chao, 37, broker, is charged with obtaining \$14,500 from Wong Bor, proprietor and manager of the Hongkong Sporting Arms Company at No. 22 Pottinger Street on July 19 by falsely pretending that it had been demanded by the Central Trust of China in connection with a certain contract then being negotiated between the latter and the Central Trust.

Mr. W. A. Macklin appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. F. L. Zimmerman was for the defence.

#### PART OF COMMISSION

Defendant refused complainant's evidence to the effect that he had said that the money had been demanded by the Central Trust as commission. Witness said that the sums paid him were part of the commission money due him for his assistance in bringing about the contract.

He denied having represented himself before Henry H. Lin, of the Central Trust, as a partner of complainant in his firm. He further denied having asked complainant's permission to return the money by instalments of \$1,000 per month.

Defendant admitted that complainant had asked him for the return of the money, but he did not do so because the money paid him was part of his commission. Hearing was adjourned to today at 11.30 a.m.

lottery tickets for the complainant.

Sgt. Haynes said that the defendant had on four occasions obtained money from the com-killung Street on Nov. 4 to buy salt fish. They argued with the complainant's wife, Lo Ihs-tai, over the price and there was a fight. It was alleged that the purchaser was assaulted by Lo and a few men.

On returning home Wong told husband. Three days later, it was alleged that the defendant met complainant. He picked up a wooden pole and gave the complainant a blow on the head.

The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

#### ROBBERY SEQUEL

Alleged to have entered a light house at Capsulun and stole a quantity of valuable, four boatmen, Wu Kwei, 30; Wu Fong, 29; Wu Yan, 23, and Wu Yan-lee, 34, were charged before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday with robbery.

Det.-Sgt. A. Allen said that on Nov. 5 the intruders took 100 catties of rice, \$20 Hongkong currency, four pairs of ear-rings and a quantity of clothing.

On information received the alleged robbers were arrested on board a boat at Tukloksui on Dec. 6.

After evidence the hearing was adjourned to Saturday.

plaintain by saying that he could bring him luck if he would buy race tickets through him.

On December 14, the complainant gave him \$50 to buy lottery tickets. Four days later the defendant came back and told the complainant that he had spent the money in a goddess temple praying for luck and he requested \$50 more which the complainant gave him.

The following day the defendant approached the complainant and took away a suitcase, valued at \$32.50, which he was supposed to present to the goddess.

The following day the defendant returned and told the complainant that there were 22 devils who wanted to have \$1 each. The complainant gave him the money.

The defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour and is to be expelled from the Colony.

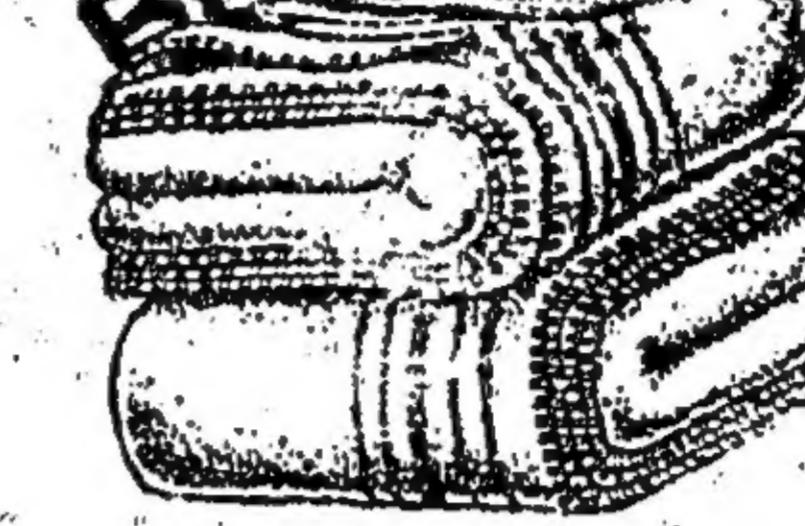
#### WOUNDING ALLEGED

Cheuk Sang, stonebreaker, was charged before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday with wounding a fish hawk, Yuen Tung.

Det.-Sgt. D. G. MacPherson said that the wife of the defendant, Wong Tai, accompanied by another woman, Lam Yung, went to

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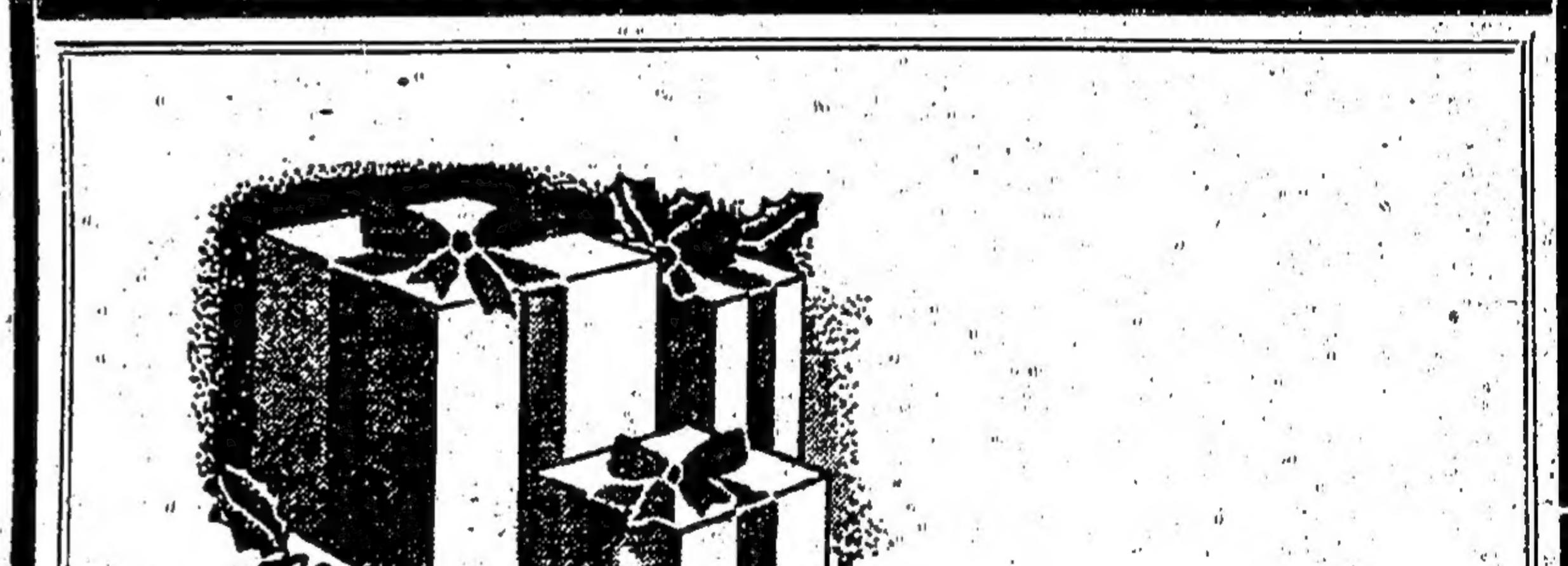
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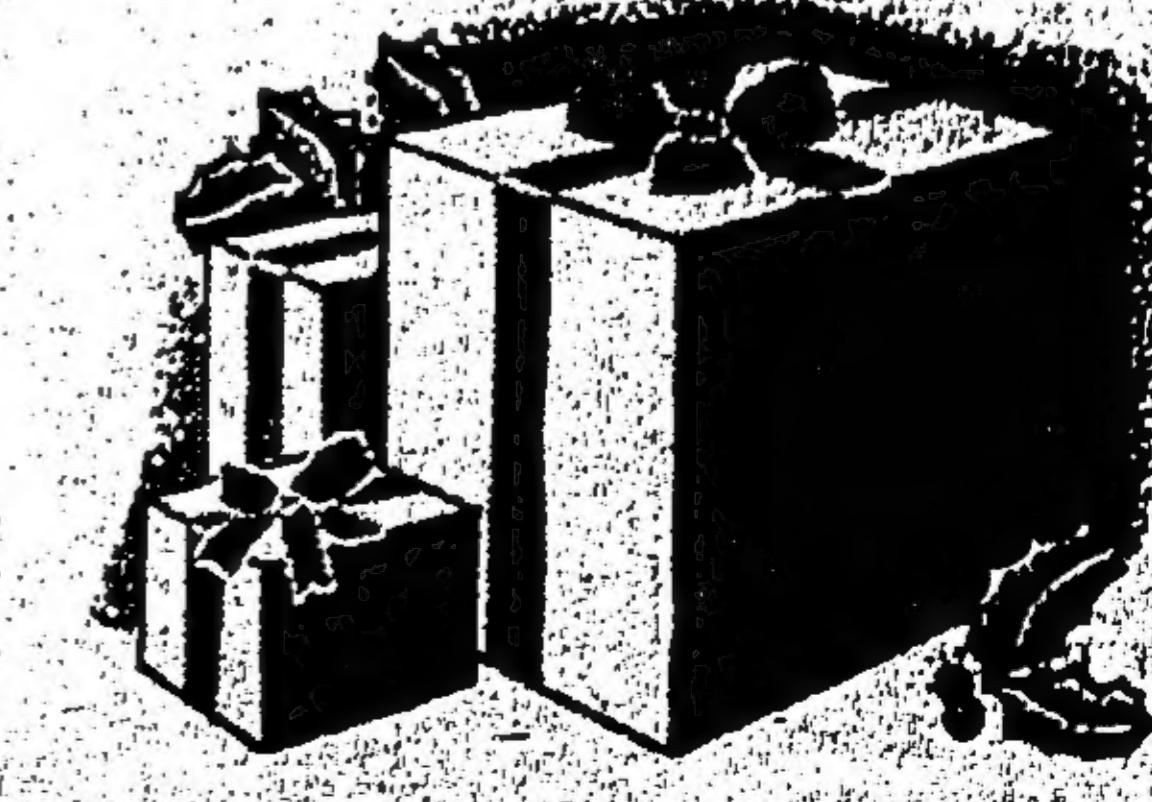


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Lo Kwang-hing, of No. 135 Queen's Road Central, reports that at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday someone got into his shop and stole a wrist watch valued at \$110.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## BANK HOLIDAYS.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY, the 25th & 26th December, 1940. (Christmas Holidays).

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## ADVERTISEMENTS

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## NOTICE

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE  
NUMBER

It is hereby notified that as from January 7, 1941, the telephone number of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House, will be

33225

instead of 30251 as hitherto. The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.

pass into Nazi control, will help Herr Hitler to increase his depredations against shipping in the Atlantic—a subject which is already causing the British Government grave concern. Apart from this aspect of the situation, Vichy's acceptance of the German demands will throw unoccupied France open to the passage of German troops to the Mediterranean and might well enable Herr Hitler not only to threaten Gibraltar, but even to force General Franco to join him in a drive through that region and, incidentally, render succour to Italy.

IF MARSHAL PETAIN refuses to give way to Germany, it will not only mean that Herr Hitler's embarrassment will be increased, but that it will add to the spirit of opposition against Germany in the French Colonies, where there are increasing signs of a desire to join General de Gaulle's Free French Forces in an attempt to win back for French people in every part of the world the liberty of their motherland from the brutal grip of the Nazi aggressor. Herr Hitler may, of course, if he is driven to the end of his patience decide to try and seize the French Fleet by force, but that will most probably precipitate a crisis which he certainly sees it is advisable to avoid. An open revolt against him, not only in the Colonies, but in occupied France itself, will present him with a threat which he will find very hard to ignore and even his most callous brutality might not be able to stem the serious consequences which would follow.

WHICH WAY will the Vichy Government turn? Marshal Petain undoubtedly has no more illusions about Herr Hitler's and his promises. He realises that he still has a few trump cards which he can play against the German Fuehrer, but he is also aware that Herr Hitler will be seeking means to undermine his position and secure what he is after without bringing about the crisis which might occur if he has to resort to the use of the mailed fist. The most subtle influence which he has to combat here is M. Laval, despite the fact that the Marshal seems to have sternly opposed his reinstatement in the Vichy Government. The obscurity which prevails over M. Laval's movements, since his release after Herr Hitler's intervention, is ominous, and he is probably plotting afresh against the Marshal with the co-operation of his Nazi associates. How long M. Laval will remain persona grata with the Nazis, time will show, because as soon as the Germans realise that his period of usefulness to them is over, his position will be more untenable probably than that which he occupied in the custody of the Vichy Government.

IT IS, THEREFORE, interesting to see how far the Vichy Government's position will affect the present situation. The motive underlying the Nazi pressure is clearly to get control of the French Fleet. This is of paramount importance to Herr Hitler, not because he might be able to use it to help his Italian ally to escape the disaster which threatens him in Albania and in North Africa, but because it will reinforce his now negligible naval strength to balance the potential additions which will go from America to the British Navy and to British mercantile shipping. The French Fleet comprises useful vessels, apart from a number of submarines, which, if they

SAVAGE RAIDS  
BY JAPANESE

Savage raids were carried out by 12 waves of Japanese planes on towns and villages between Shau-chung, Mirs Bay, and Tamshui, on Sunday. The raids lasted for 12 hours. Over 120 people were killed or wounded and scores of houses and shops were destroyed.

H.M. SWORDFISH  
OVERDUE

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuters)—The British submarine Swordfish (Lieutenant MacLangley) is overdue and must be considered lost, according to an Admiralty communiqué.

## EDITORIAL



The Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, brother of H.M. the Queen, is one of the distinguished speakers who contribute regularly to the "Britain Speaks" series in the BBC's Overseas short-wave service

Congress Party Leaders  
Court Imprisonment

Congress Party leaders are fully aware of the danger of a Nazi victory—which would represent to them not only inability to obtain anything but the entire loss of what they had gained under British rule—they are nevertheless, at variance with the Government of India over India's declaration of war so much so that they court arrest and imprisonment, said MR. EDWIN HAWARD at a press interview yesterday.

Mr. Haward is Adviser on Indian Affairs and Deputy Director of the Far Eastern Bureau of the Ministry of Information. He spent many years in India, and was formerly editor of the Civil and Military Gazette and The Pioneer, and the North China Daily News from 1930 to 1938. He left yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. Haward, for Singapore.

## DIRECT CONTACT

The new Constitution which was devised for India in 1935 by Parliament was so that the various Indian states could be brought into direct contact with the eleven provinces of British India. India, however, is a victim of her size, her climate, and ethnological complexities.

There are only 95 illiterates to 1,000 people. There are men who are scarcely out of the bow and arrow stage, and there are, on the other hand, men who can take senior positions anywhere in the world—whether in commerce, laws, government, or arts. The adjustment of relationships between the various communities is most difficult.

Mr. Haward emphasised that both the major parties are at one in their hope of a British victory and that there is a general feeling of unity in India over the issue of war.

UNPLEASANT PLACE FOR  
JAPANESE

MOJ Dec. 23 (Reuters)—"India has become an unpleasant place for Japanese residents and the British authorities there subject the Japanese to various forms of oppression." Mr. Kiyoshi Komata, Chief of the Mitsui Bussan Trade Service station at Karachi, said upon his arrival here, according to a semi-official Japanese source.

Mr. Komata, who has been in India for 15 years and who returned here with 155 other Japanese evacuees aboard the Haruna Maru is reported to have declared Japanese export of goods have been so restricted that trade is declining day by day.

"Our attempts to enlighten the natives about Japan through motion pictures and pamphlets have resulted in interference by British officials and whenever a Japanese leaves his residence he is followed by the police who continually watch wherever the Japanese goes," the same source reports Mr. Komata asserted.

FARMERS BENEFIT  
FROM CHARITY  
BALL

A total of \$3,542.20 (raffle tickets, programmes, advertisements and donations) was raised by the Charity Ball in aid of Refugee Farmers which was held at the Peninsula Hotel last month.

After deducting expenses totaling \$1,412.79 the sum of \$2,129.51 will be added to the funds of the Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre to give aid to the farmers from China, to assist them in earning a living in the New Territories where they have sought refuge.

The Chairman and Executive Committee of the Centre express their deep appreciation for support of the cause and those who attended and thereby helped to make the Ball a success.

## THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 76 and the minimum 67. Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.50 inches against an average of 84.03.

The Royal Observatory report states:

A moderate anticyclone is developing over N. China and extending southward; pressure remains high to the S.E. of Japan.

The depression has deepened and is moving north-eastward across the Sea of Japan.

Pressure is moderately low over Thailand.

There are now 78 branches of the Friends of the Wounded Association at home and abroad with a total membership of 703,161 reported Lieutenant-General J. L. Huang, Secretary-General of the Association, at the second meeting of the Board of Directors.

Among the Directors present were Dr. H.H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance, Dr. Chang Po-ling, Deputy Speaker of the People's Political Council, Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, Minister of Social Welfare, Dr. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic for Nanking, General Liu Shih, Chungking

Garrison Commander, and Mr. K.C. Wu, Mayor of Chungking.

Membership fees, Lieut.-Gen. revealed, now total over \$4,000,000. (Central News)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1940

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING  
IN BRITAIN ABOUT

## NEIGHBOURLINESS

In wishing his listeners a Happy Christmas, Mr. Howard Marshall, the well-known B.B.C. commentator who speaks weekly in the series "News from Home," referred to the spirit of neighbourliness which had arisen among the people of the British Commonwealth nations as shown by the cheerful Christmas cards he had received from a large number of his listeners.

"That is why there is this feeling of unity among us. The united strength of the British Commonwealth is carrying us to the attack and it has turned our Christmas into a celebration."

"We are not over-confident or blind to our opponent's strength. We know we have to be tough and determined and we know we have to fight as we never fought before and we will do that all right."

"But this spirit of neighbourliness means something more than that," said Mr. Marshall. "It is evidence of the way in which men's minds are moving on the basis on which we must work out a new peace for ourselves and our children. That is what the Christmas cards on my mantelpiece mean to me."

## CHRISTMAS

Mr. Marshall had a few words to say about the Christmas season in London. The shops, he said, are almost as full as ever and there is a real Christmassy look about them.

"I did not think," he said, "that people would be sending Christmas presents and cards this year, but it seems that they are. Everyone is determined to make this a real Christmas. I think this is a good thing."

"Naturally production and war work is going on uninterrupted and we only get one day's holiday if we are lucky. That is right too. Everyone wants to work at a time like this. We feel that there is a sense of emergency, but that does not mean that we are worried about it."

"We feel that Herr Hitler may decide to turn his forces against this country. This is only a guess, but it is in a great many people's minds and a great many of them say: 'That's fine—let him come, we are ready for him!'

"If Herr Hitler feels like taking one enormous crack against this country, we are determined that we shall meet him in a manner that will surely prove his downfall," said Mr. Marshall.

## NEWSSETTES

A Services Xmas dance will be held in the YMCA West Lounge on Friday, at 8.30 p.m. Admission \$1.50 including refreshments. Royal Scots Band in attendance by kind permission of Lt-Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C. and Officers' Ladies by invitation of the Committee. The European YMCA extend an open invitation to all Servicemen to make themselves at home at the "Y" during the Xmas holidays.

A series of Home Nursing Lectures will commence at Queen Mary Hospital at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 6. All members who have not yet handed in the Home Nursing and First Aid Manuals please return them to Mrs. D. J. Valentine, Hon. Sec., A.N.S., Queen Mary Hospital.

The death occurred on Dec. 18, at 625 Route de Selys, Shanghai, of Florence Rush Nance, wife of Walter B. Nance and mother of Kaiser, Diana and Francis. The funeral service took place at Moore Memorial Church, Yu Ya Ching Road, on Dec. 18.

The St. Andrew's Fellowship of Youth, under the leadership of Mrs. C. M. Bird and Miss W. Robinson, made a carol singing tour of Kowloon last night. A collection was made in aid of St. Dunstan's. The group wound up their tour at the Harbour View Hotel where they were entertained by Mrs. Gardner.

The St. Andrew's Club held its annual Christmas carnival party at St. Andrew's Church Hall last night.

Garrison Commander, and Mr. K.C. Wu, Mayor of Chungking. Membership fees, Lieut.-Gen. revealed, now total over \$4,000,000. (Central News)

Miss L. K. Hung has reported to the Police that while she was walking along Queen's Road Central at 9 p.m. on Sunday she had her handbag and contents, valued at \$21, snatched from her.

Eastern jars to the value of \$100 have been reported stolen from No. 22 Sai On Lane between 5 p.m. on Dec. 21 and Dec. 22 by Wong Kwai.

## FEELING OF UNITY:

"Herr Hitler made his greatest mistake when he misjudged the temper and quality of our kinsfolk from overseas—our kinsfolk who are fighting so superbly in the Western Desert," said Mr. Marshall.

"That is why there is this feeling of unity among us. The united strength of the British Commonwealth is carrying us to the attack and it has turned our Christmas into a celebration."

"We are not over-confident or blind to our opponent's strength. We know we have to be tough and determined and we know we have to fight as we never fought before and we will do that all right."

"What we are celebrating, however, is the turn of the tide. For a long time the tide was ebbing and now it is flowing strongly in our favour."

## "THE DICTATORS":

Mr. Howard referred to Charlie Chaplin's new film "The Dictators" which was showing in London aid to a part where Charlie Chaplin makes a speech at the end of the film with these words: "Hate will pass away, dictators will die and the power they took from the people will return to the people. So long as men die for liberty, liberty will never perish."

"I think that speech was right," said Mr. Marshall. "It certainly moved a big audience at the cinema which remained there while an air raid alarm was sounded outside."

## CORRESPONDENCE

CHRISTMAS DINNER  
FOR SEAFARERS

To The Editor, Hongkong Daily Press.

Sir—I should be glad if you would allow me to extend through your newspaper a very hearty invitation to Seafarers to attend the Christmas Dinner and entertainment at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute on Christmas day at 7 p.m. Men of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy will be equally welcome.

I would like also to thank those people who have contributed to the cost to our Christmas feasts and also the following firms most of which have sent gifts in kind: Messrs. B.A.T., A.S. Watson, Shewan, Tomes, Jardine Matheson, Nestles, Harry Wicks, Wm. Powells, Calbeck, Macgregor, Kelly & Walsh, Davie Roag, John Hutchinson, Mr. Lamb (B & S), Loxy.

For this seasonable help we are most grateful.

Yours, etc.,

CYRIL BROWN  
Chaplain

A.R.P. DIRECTOR'S  
THANKS

To The Editor, H.K. Daily Press.

Sir—I would very much appreciate it if you would permit me to express through your columns my grateful thanks to both the large and small firms in the Colony who permitted their Wardens to attend the Parade on the occasion of the inspection by His Excellency the Acting Governor on Saturday, 21st instant.

Their hearty co-operation played no small part in a very successful afternoon.

Yours faithfully,

A. H. S. STEELE-PERKINS,  
Director of Air Raid  
Precautions.

## POLICE REPORTS

Mrs. W. C. Kline, of No. 16A Sai Yeung Choi Street, has reported the theft, from her residence, on Sunday night, clothing and money to the total value of \$131.

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## Appointment Of Halifax Unanimously Approved

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The British Press unanimously welcomes the new appointments. The DAILY TELEGRAPH says: "Lord Halifax has proved himself of outstanding distinction in character and mind. Everyone will appreciate the deep sincerity and broad liberal thought of the new Ambassador."

"Since the final exposure of Hitler no man has been more devoted to the cause of freedom and democracy than Lord Halifax and with a clear conscience we can command him to our American friends."

The DAILY EXPRESS says: He can meet Mr. Roosevelt knowing the secrets of Mr. Churchill's mind and the attitude of his colleagues at home.

THE TIMES says Reuter writes: "No higher tribute could be paid to the late Lord Lothian's work than the consent of the Foreign Secretary to take the vacant place himself."

### MORE IMPORTANT

"It is signal recognition of the fact that Anglo-American relations are more important than anything else in our foreign policy—not merely for our present needs but for the whole future of the world."

"It ensures the perpetuation of the spirit in which the late Ambassador undertook and carried out his mission."

The DAILY HERALD writes: "By deciding to send to the United States a man holding the rank of Foreign Secretary, Mr. Churchill has proclaimed the paramount importance of our friendship with America. Personally Lord Halifax has the qualities which the vast responsibilities which have fallen upon him will require."

The Daily Herald approved even more of the return of Mr. Eden to the Foreign Office and says: "He has been the most successful Foreign Secretary after Mr. Arthur Henderson."

### GREATLY PLEASED

OTTAWA, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—The

## GRAZIANI EXPLAINS REVERSES IN WESTERN DESERT

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wiped out. The troops under General Maletti were eliminated before the attack on Sidi Barrani began, and when the first line of defence try to fall back, they found their retreat cut off. It was then that the Marshal ordered his troops to fall back.

The report goes on to speak of the crushing superiority of the British armoured units and of the naval attacks launched along the coast, while the R.A.F. harried Italian columns on the march and bombed aerodromes and the fortified towns of Tobruk and Bardia.

The Italian Air Force, according to the Marshal's report, could not use its full weight because of bad weather. Among the raids made by the R.A.F. was an attack on Benghazi, 300 miles behind the fighting line.

Marshal Graziani's explanation has caused surprise in London and it is regarded as an example of military ineptitude, states a London message.

Marshal Graziani stated that the British offensive did not take him by surprise, but that it was impossible to resist owing to the under-rated enemy.

**Key Position Of German Economic System Bombed**

British bombers were busy over Western Germany again, states a London message and Mannheim was again bombed.

Mannheim is the chief industrial centre of the Upper Rhine and occupies the key position of Germany's economic system. Heavy industries and munition works are centred just here.

Sunday night's attacks followed raids over Britain last night and wide raids over vital objectives from the far north to Italy.

The R.A.F. found a new target near Venice, where an oil refinery was set ablaze. All the British planes are reported to have returned safely.

In Norway, British bombers struck at the railway from Oslo to Bergen, while Rotterdam and ports in occupied France were also raided, as well as Brest and Lorient. Again all British planes returned safely.

There was an air raid alarm in Switzerland on Sunday when some bombs were dropped and 11 people were reported to have been injured.

**MANCHESTER ATTACKED**  
The main target of German

Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Mackenzie King, stated that he is greatly pleased to learn of the appointment of Lord Halifax, and added:

"Lord Halifax will bring to the new post a realistic view of the needs of the hour gained by quite an exceptional experience of conditions in different parts of the world."

Canadians generally highly approve the appointment of Lord Halifax, realising his experience will help to cement the union of opinion between the United States and the United Kingdom.

The appointment is also commended here.

### TRANSPARENT SINCERITY

[WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—That Lord Halifax's widely known transparent sincerity and high handedness will work strongly to his advantage in his new post is the view expressed here.

### EDEN AT PALACE

His Majesty the King held a Privy Council yesterday at Buckingham Palace at which Mr. Anthony Eden received his seals of office on appointment as Foreign Secretary and Capt. H. D. R. Marston as "Secretary for War."

The Ministers kissed hands on receiving their seals of office states a London message.

### LABOUR APPROVE

British Wireless adds that the Liberal and Labour Press also warmly approve of the appointment of Lord Halifax.

The News-Chronicle says: "As a former Viceroy of India, as Foreign Secretary during three of the most critical years in British history and as a member of the War Cabinet since the beginning of the present struggle, Lord Halifax has been the key personality in the council of the nation. Short of dispatching himself to Washington, M. Churchill could hardly have done more to emphasise the vital significance of the Anglo-American link."

The speaker prefaced his remarks with a glowing tribute to the late Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, whose death occurred recently.

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And then Lord Lothian speaks once more—"If you back us, you will not be backing a quitter." "Everything is justifying those words—here in England, in the Western Desert, in the Adriatic, at Valona, over Germany. Where next? And what about America? President Roosevelt is back from his fishing—mind you I said fishing—in the West Indies and things always happen when F.D.R. gets back from a holiday."

### THE VOICE OF AMERICA

"Cut out the dollar talk," he has said. "Give Britain what she needs. Get out the hose-pipe and help her. We can worry about taking it back when it is all over."

"This is think is the authentic voice of the American people. Let us now hurry on with the job."

"For myself, I would go further—but we wait on events. One thing is clear. We too know what a public enemy No. 1 looks like. We have had plenty of them. Speed and more speed is what we must have now from my fellow countrymen."

## Easing Of Tension

Various reports from Vichy state that there is a slight easing of the tension between the French Government and the Germans, states a London message.

It seems apparent that Marshal Petain will not countenance anything that will bring France into hostilities against Britain and it also seems certain that Marshal Petain's Government will remain unchanged.

### IN GOVERNMENT HANDS

A Vichy newspaper states that while Vichy will carry out the terms of the armistice, the armistice had left the French Empire and the means to defend it in the hands of the Government.

"There is no question," says the paper, "of throwing ourselves actively into politics, but it is a question of keeping our soul intact and maintaining our authority in the Dominions overseas."

"Marshal Petain saved the future of France, when he insisted that France should retain her Fleet."

## BADMINTON RESULT

University "B" beat Chinese Y.M.C.A. in the "A" Division of the Badminton League last night at the University by seven sets to two.

C. K. Chen and K. P. Liu (H.K.U.) lost to T. H. Wong and T. W. Wong 17-21, beat C. Au and H. Ko 21-8, beat F. Ko and O. Y. Yung 21-10.

S. Amplavar and A. P. Lee (H.K.U.) beat Wong and Wong 21-17, lost to Au and Ko 17-21, beat Ko and Yung 21-12.

T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (H.K.U.) beat Wong and Wong 21-8, beat Au and Ko 21-12, beat Ko and Yung 21-14.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1940.

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TUNG CHI  
UNIVERSITY

The Tung Chi University is being removed from Yunnan to south Szechwan, according to Mr. Chow Chun-shih, President of the University.

Mr. Chow said that the new buildings in an undisclosed place in south Szechwan have been partially completed and a part of the 1,300 students have arrived at the new site while the rest are on the way.

The University was in Shanghai prior to the outbreak of the war. (Central News).

20 HOMES FOR  
REFUGEE  
CHILDREN

An ambitious plan to raise \$400,000 for the establishment of 20 homes for the care and education of 10,000 refugee children has been drawn up by the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children, sponsored by Bishop Hall and several other prominent local citizens.

The funds, it is understood, will be raised in different places. The quotas are: Hongkong, \$50,000; Macao, \$25,000; Shanghai, Philippines, Haiphong, Kwang-chowwan, Saigon, Thailand, Burma, Singapore and Java, \$75,000; Australia and New Zealand, \$75,000; the United States, \$100,000; Canada, \$50,000 and Hawaii, \$25,000.

As the members of the Association are scattered over the foregoing places, it is expected that the campaign will be much facilitated.

One of the homes for refugee children has already been established in Wuchow, east Kwangtung. A number of prominent local citizens are among the advisers, sponsors and members of the Association, including Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, Sir Shou-son Chow, Sir Robert Kotewall, Mr. Teh Kong-chao, Dr. Chung Ying-kwong, Professor Hsu Tsui-shan, Hon. Mr. M.K. Li, Mr. O.H. Yu, Mr. E.H. Lockwood, and Dr. Irene Hotung.

BISHOP WARD RELATES  
CHANGING SCENES IN  
U.S., CHINA

CHUNGKING (By Air Mail): "America will not strike the first blow in war if its government can help it," but America is determined that those things which the American people hold dear, and for which the Chinese are struggling, shall not be banished from the earth, said Bishop R.A. Ward, of the Methodist Church, in a broadcast over Station XGOX for America.

Speaking on his impressions of the changing sentiments in the United States on the question of war or peace, Dr. Ward said: "During the past few months in the United States, I found this clarifying of world wide issues making much progress. Last year I was in America for six months and again for a similar period this year. A great change had come to my fellow countrymen."

"A year ago they were still bothered much about internal matters, the deficiencies and successes of the New Deal, the coming presidential election, the values of isolation. This year I again travelled widely in my own country, speaking to many audiences, conducting forums, and bearing all sorts of Americans' talk, both privately and publicly, devouring newspapers everywhere, and hearing the radio commentators."

"Something has happened inside of Americans. And that something has made a great deal of difference. The President has merely to ask for another billion dollars to get it for national defense. Congress no longer lags behind the administration and public sentiment. Candidates for office vie with each other in promising more efficiency and speed in strengthening America's fighting forces, increasing industrial output and the resources of the nation."

"The economic structure of the country is ready for the strain. Factories are running to capacity and many are vastly enlarging their plants. Every shipyard is crowded with new construction. Great progress has been made in drawing the republics of Central, South and North America more closely together than ever before. The wealth of the United States is being released to implement their co-operation. The Americans will act as a unit in world affairs where they are concerned. And they see that even their own interests are at struggle on other continents."

## NEW ATTITUDE

"The re-election of Mr. Roosevelt was a token of American determination to have no more of academic isolation. Hundreds of new warships and airports, new strategic bases for fleets in both oceans, tens of thousands of airplanes, millions of soldiers, billions of dollars, all are rapidly going into expression of the new American attitude towards the purposes and principles now at struggle across the world."

"And the center of it all is an American determination that those things which Americans hold dear, and for which the Chinese are struggling, shall not be banished from the earth. Indeed, those things shall have a fair right to grow wherever men wish them to grow, unshackled by armed domination and ruthless regimentation."

"America will not strike the first blow in war if its government can help it. But American public sentiment is dangerously near the place—indeed, I fear it is now at the place—where no President nor Congress could forestall America's involvement in war if some other nation committed a war-like act against America. I cannot say that I like all of this. But we Americans—and people in any other part of the world which might be concerned—must now reckon on these evident facts in a changed America."

"A typical America is grateful that his people have again responded to the call to protect those ideas of freedom and representative government which Americans learned from other peoples and, in some real measure, developed for themselves."

"And those of us who have wandered among the nations are also pleased that America has again come somewhat out of her recent stupid narrowness in which she often acted as though she could live only unto herself in the family of nations of which she is a part and in which she must take her full share for human welfare."

**ALWAYS A PLEASURE**

Referring to his impressions of China, particularly Chungking, Bishop Ward declared: "To return to Chungking is always a pleasure. But this time the pleasure has been mixed with sadness and with inspiration. After another absence of ten months I came again four days ago. I was in West China during the first fourteen months of the present Sino-

## GENERAL

DIVINE  
MISSION OF  
GERMANY!

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter) — Almighty God has called on Germany to lead the way to a purer and better world. Herr Frank, the Nazi Governor-General of Poland, told an audience at Krakow during a Christmas celebration.

"This Christmas tree," he said, "brings us a sacred message that the German nation has been called upon to establish peace in Europe through Adolf Hitler's victory. The highest good and the greatest gift, Almighty God has given to man is to be a German. We are proud to master the world as Germans. Never before have we been so exalted."

Referring to Hitler, he said: "He sits in lonely sublimity; he is incomparably great in his uniqueness. Adolf Hitler is called upon to be the leader of the world unhampered by anyone. The Almighty has blessed this German nation so that it may carry the light into the wilderness."

for large new buildings. But countless small structures serve present purposes.

## BETTER SYSTEM

"The government of Chungking is doing what Englishmen will do for London. Promptly it laid out a better system of streets and boulevards. Even new temporary structures must be set back to the new street lines. A great new Chungking will replace the bombed old Chungking which decades of wrangling could not have remodelled."

"A trickle of American relief funds is being used to erect a colony of homes for the poor riverside workers whose hovels were destroyed. The highly efficient mayor of Chungking who has five years of successful experience as mayor of another great Chinese city before the war, gives close attention to his business-like and detailed administration of the city."

"To Americans all these things are interesting. Americans admire efficiency, alertness and courage. They find them in plenty in Chungking. They know that a great city grew on the ashes of Chicago and modern San Francisco followed the earthquake and fire. From the outset Americans thought that the new life of China would emerge for the struggle and from it. Some other peoples were still thinking of the China of past decades as only the China of past generations. They were wrong. That is clear now."

"The war has transformed Chinese soldiers. I have watched that transformation during the past three years. The former soldiers of war lords often were a motley gang of half bandits, poorly disciplined, rather stupid creatures of somebody's ambitions, alternately feared and despised. But soldiers today have a deserved place of respect. They are soldiers of the nation, soldiers with a purpose. They are fellow patriots with thousands of well-trained civilians who work with them and for them. War often makes soldiers brutal. Especially when they are mere soldiers of fortune, out for booty. But these are not soldiers of conquest. They live among their own countrymen for whose homes and their own they are fighting. The systematic and widespread education of the soldiers has made soldiers with a social and national purpose. And that has made a big difference."

"Not that they have become models. But they have become essentially—embryonically—different. And, in contrast to the frequent revolts and cut-sellings to the highest bidders in other periods there have been practically no disaffections among the regular Chinese armies which now are vastly larger than the combined war-lord armies of other years."

"The visitor is refreshed by the consistency of the supreme command. Other countries during recent seasons have been changing national partners, tearing up treaties and bargaining for the largest share of war plunder. In China one has a stimulating sense of moral values and a stability of national purpose."

"Temporary loss of territory, disheartening defeats in the early stages of war, possible compromise with other nations—all of these things have not contributed to change one iota China's essential national purpose."

Doubtless this is in part due to a Chinese national trait.

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WARTIME  
SYLLABUS FOR  
U.S. TEACHERS

Because international affairs are the essence of interest in history classes, government and other social studies, and because not all teachers are prepared to discuss the foreign relations of the United States and have not the time to do extensive reading in that field, the American Council on Education is undertaking to prepare in syllabus form teaching materials in international relations.

The immediate aim is to furnish a concise statement setting forth the basic need of objectivity in appraising the world scene and the place of the United States in that scene.

In addition, the project will take certain areas of importance in international relations in which specific study materials might be prepared for teachers.

Among these subjects are: the "United States and the Western Hemisphere," the "United States and the Far East," the "United States and Neutrality—1939-1940," "Propaganda and Popular Attitudes on International Affairs," "American Defence," the "United States Economy in a Totalitarian World."



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# FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

### CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 23, 1940

	NEW YORK, Dec. 21, 1940.
SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous Close Dec. 21 Buyers Openings Closing Change
S P O T	38-1/4 38-1/4 38-1/4 unch.
JAN-MARCH	37-3/4 37-3/4 37-7/8 up 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/2 36-1/2 36-5/8 up 1/8
The market was quiet but steady.	
LONDON RUBBER	Previous close Today's close Buyers Openings Closing Change
S P O T	11-7/8 11-15/16
JANUARY	12-1/16 Market closed
FEBRUARY	12-3/16
APRIL-JUNE	12-3/16
JULY-SEPT.	12-3/16
NEW YORK COTTON: Prices advanced on light offerings and on the firmness of spots.	
CHICAGO WHEAT: Favour purchases on easiness for moderate advance.	
NEW YORK RUBBER & NEW YORK HIDES: Expect higher.	
NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 128.87; Today's close, 128.89; Change, up .02.	

## COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, 1940.

	Previous	Dec. 21	Close	Change
SINGAPORE RUBBER	Buyers	Buyers	Buyers	Change
S P O T	38-1/4	38-1/4	38-1/4	unch.
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## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

Prev. Today's

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.17	10.14	10.12	.03 up
New York Rubber, March	20.18b	20.20b	.02 up	
Chicago Wheat, May	85	83	84	.04 up
Chicago Corn, May	60	60	60	.00 off
New York Hides, March	12.50	12.45	12.50b	unch.
NEW YORK COTTON Close				
January	9.99 N	10.02/02	10.02 N	.00 up
March	10.12/12	10.16/18	10.15/18	.03 up
May	10.05/05	10.10/10	10.09/09	.04 up
July	9.83/83	9.88/88	9.88 N	.03 up
October	9.31 N	9.35/35	9.34/34	.03 up
December	9.23 N	9.32b/35a	9.31 N	.03 up
Spot	10.12 N	10.18 N	10.18 N	.04 up
Total sales Friday: 55,400 bales.				

NEW YORK RUBBER

January 20.35b/40a 20.32b 20.37b .02 up

March 20.18b 20.18b 20.20b/25a .02 up

May 19.97/97 19.98b/20.00a 19.99 N .02 up

July (New contract) 19.82b 19.75b/35a 19.84b .02 up

Total sales: 50 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May 844/844 844/844 844/844 1 off

July 794/794 794/794 794/794 1 off

Friday's sales: 11,675,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May 604/604 604/604 604/604 1 off

July 504/604 604/604 604/604 1 off

NEW YORK HIDES

March 12.50/50 12.46/45 12.50b unch.

June 12.27b 12.15b/30a 12.30/30 .03 up

Total sales for the day: 41 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4

NY-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2

unquoted. 4.03-1/2

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Dec. 20. With the approaching holiday season a smaller volume of business was recorded, with a steady undertone prevailing.

### BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$74.
Union Inv., \$400.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$157.50.
Wharves, \$93.
Providents, \$5.70.
Hotels, \$3.55.
Lands, \$33.60.
Utrams, \$17.70.
Star Ferries, \$61.
Chinex 5% Gold Bonds, 1998 (Brit. Issue) 44
Chinex 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47 42-47
Chin. 4% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 45
Chinex 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 28
Chinex 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Inv.) 34
Chinex 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 19
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan 47
Iukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 15
Int. Nickel 4% Loan, 1913 13
Lung Tsing & U Ha! 14
Tram. 5% 1913 16
Shai-N'King Rly. 5% 16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% 15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Std.) 15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Std. Supl. Loan) 15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Gen. Std. Supl. Loan) 15
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924 27
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924 6
Chartered Bank 81
H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 78
H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.) 81
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 16/3
Chosen Corporation 4/-
Mercantile Bank of India 2/-
dia. 25, "G" 104
Pekin Syndicate 2/-
Shai Elec. Compt. Co. 15/-
Shai Waterworks 13/-
Union Insurance 20
Wula Kaitumpong Rubber 15/7
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly. 15/-

### SELLERS

Wharves, \$95.
Hotels, \$37.50.
Trams, \$18.
Dairy Farms, \$19.20.
Watsons, \$10.78.
Vibro Piling, \$7.70.

### SALES

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, \$97.50.
Providents, \$5.70.
Hotels, \$15.50.
Trams, \$17.80.
Cements, \$18.50.
Watsons, \$10.50.

For the full year of 1940 the Directors of Trans-Canada Air Lines budgeted for a net profit of \$300,000. At the end of August, the actual profit was then in excess of \$322,000, indicating that the profit for the full year will be about twice the estimate.

Sterling Sellers Opening Closing

London 0/3-3/8 New York 6-5/16

Japan 22-1/2 India 18-3/4

Paris nominal Hongkong 22-3/8

Sterling Sellers Opening Closing

Spot 0/3-17/32 0/3-23/64

Dec. 0/3-17/32 0/3-25/64

Jan. 0/3-33/64 0/3-23/64

U.S. Dollars Spot 45-19/32 45-3/8

Dec. 5-19/32 5-3/8

Jan. 5-9/16 6-5/16

Market: Uncertain

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate in London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 224 per cent.

Record-of-performance Canadian poultry have made their debut in South Africa as foundation stock. An order for two cockerels and six pullets is reported by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, at \$25 and \$15 respectively per bird. Trinidad and British Guiana have preceded South Africa as purchasers of Canada's best breeding poultry stock.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

### QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

DECEMBER 22, 1940

STOCKS Last Sale Dec. 21 STOCKS Last Sale Dec. 21

STOCKS	Last Sale Dec. 21	STOCKS	Last Sale Dec. 21
Adams Express 51	Loew's Inc. 31	Allegany Steel Co. 23	Lot Incorporated 178
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Amer. Can 86	McKesson		

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**Bishop Ward**

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"But it is largely due to the calm, steady, never changing practice of the Generalissimo. His character seems deeply rooted in some of the finest qualities of China's past. Like the greatest of China's sages he would guide the nation by principle."

"Like great leaders of other peoples in times of great crises, he has interpreted to his people their purposes so clearly that they have become more conscious of them. Evidently he has a clear and satisfying philosophy of his own by which he is determined, at all costs, to live and help his country to live. Like some of the greatest leaders of men, he seems steadfastly to refuse to compromise those principles for which he and his nation have committed themselves."

"It is such purposes that are coming more clearly to focus in the present worldwide struggle. For the Chinese those purposes are fundamental. They are also fundamental for mankind. And they are becoming more articulate among other nations with each passing month of the world war, of which the war in China and the war in Europe both are parts." (Central News.)

**WEATHER REPORT**

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 23. Barometer, (at sea level), 30.09 ins.

Temperature, 71 F.

Humidity, 84 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/S.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Temperature maximum yesterday, 75 F.

Temperature: Minimum last night, 67 F.

Rainfall, for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.

Against an average of, 84.93 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.45 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 23. Barometer (at sea level), 29.98 ins.

Temperature, 72 F.

Humidity, 88 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 76 F.

Minimum temperature, 67 F.

Rainfall, nil.

**HONG KONG TIDE TABLE**

From 24 to 30 Dec. 1940.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	24	11.00	11.15	10.52	2.8
		17.4	6.4	5.1	—
Wed.	25	08.30	4.8	00.43	2.7
		18.20	6.9	11.45	3.1
Thur.	26	07.50	4.7	01.40	2.0
		19.18	7.4	12.23	2.3
Fri.	27	06.57	4.7	02.29	1.4
		20.05	7.8	13.18	3.4
Sat.	28	09.03	4.8	03.13	0.9
		20.45	8.0	13.59	3.1
Sun.	29	11.39	4.8	03.54	0.6
		21.30	8.1	14.40	3.4
Mon.	30	11.56	4.7	04.32	0.6
		22.08	7.9	15.20	3.4

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708.15 Fine Au Ozs.

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1,608.29 Fine Au Ozs.

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Battery: Tonnage of Ore raised

21,038 tons; No. of Ounces of

Bullion produced 2,890 ounces; No. of

Ounces of Fine Gold recovered

2,741 ounces.

Retreatment Plant: No. of tons

treated 24,023 tons; No. of Ounces of

Bullion produced 1,557 ounces;

No. of Ounces of Fine Gold re-

covered 1,365 ounces.

Value of Gold from all sources

£34,011 Sterling.

Working Costs £27,477 Sterling.

Capital Expenditure £885 Sterling.

Mine Profit for Quarter (subject

to Depreciation) £6,534 Sterling.

**FLOATING MINE REPORTED**

A floating mine in a position ap-

proximately at Lat. 24 deg. 12' N.

long. 118 deg. 11' E has been re-

ported by the master of the s.s.

Kingsmen as sighted about 0045

hrs. G.M.T. on Dec. 21.

**DARWIN HARBOUR**

It is noticed by the Harbour

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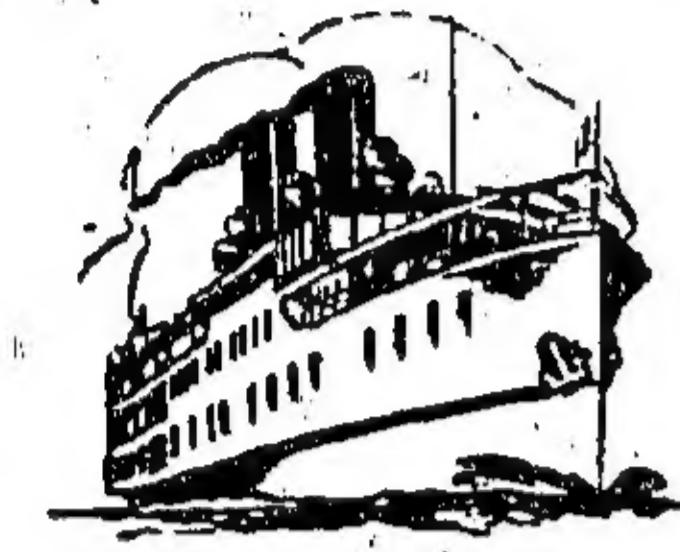
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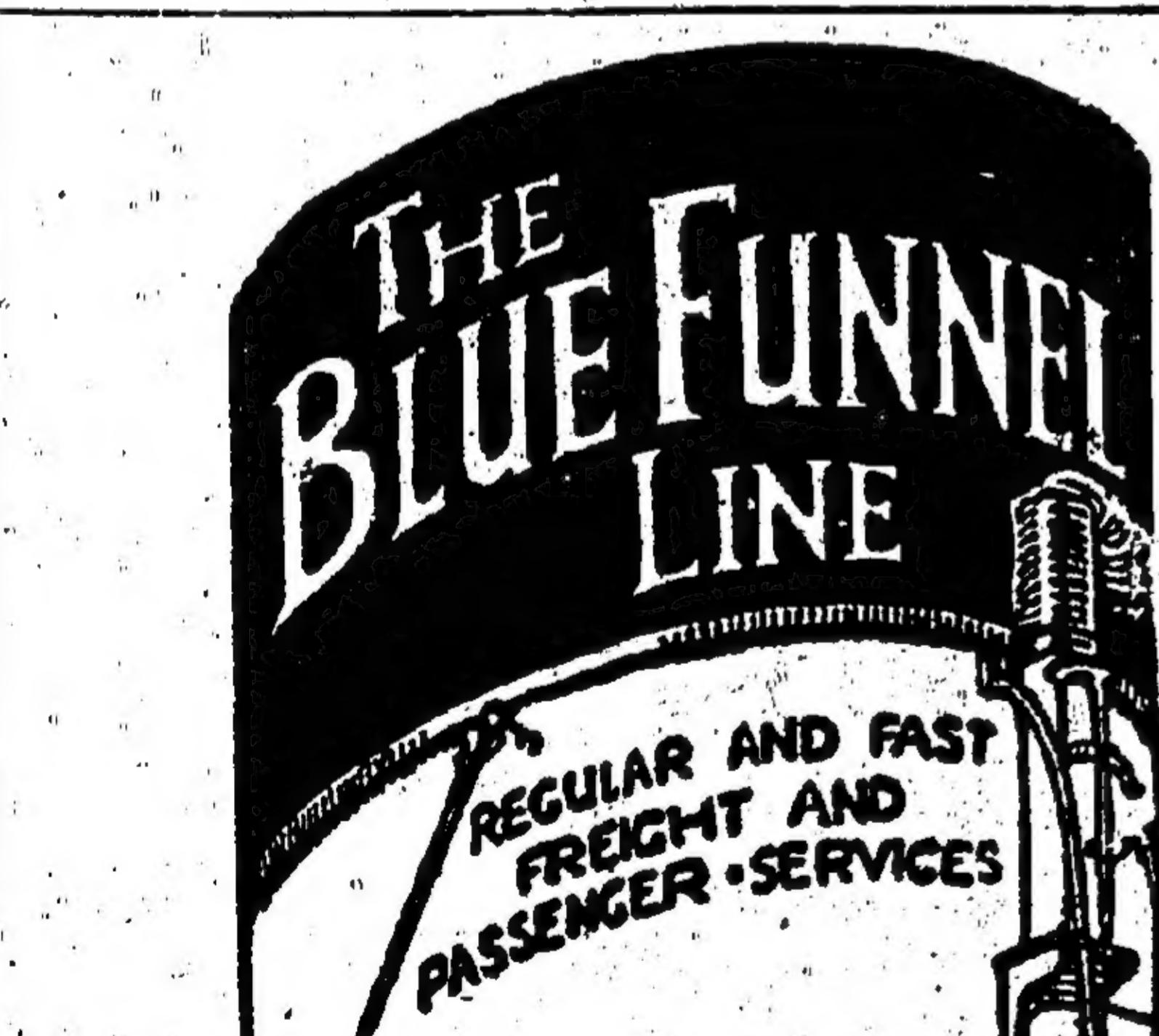
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**GERMAN NIGHT BOMBERS APPEAR OVER WIDE AREA**

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—Enemy air activity over Britain during daylight hours yesterday was very small but after darkness raiders were reported from several districts, including Liverpool, Midland, northern, west and south-west towns in England and Wales.

**Italy's Grip On Abyssinia Is Weakening****SPIRIT OF REVOLT SPREADING**

KHARTOUM, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—The sound of British bombs exploding in Italian encampments and the noise of British guns have brought new hope to the Abyssinians, writes Reuter's correspondent in Sudan.

Italy's grip on Abyssinian territory is weakening and revolt is spreading. News of the British victory in the Western Desert has penetrated to the mountain fastnesses of Gollam, the wilderness of Danakil and the wide expanses of bush with their sparse and scattered population.

The news travelled by the mysterious "native telegraph" whereby information flew from village to village in the heart of Africa.

**TRIBES BESTIVE**

The Royal Air Force's constant and systematic destruction of Italian bases is a clear sign to the restive tribes that Britain's southern army of the Nile is close at hand.

**ITALY TO FIGHT**

There is great will to fight and meet Germany throughout the Union of South Africa and in Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Kenya.

This tribute to the contribution being made to the Empire war effort by these countries was paid by a Hussar officer who is returning to his armoured car squadron in the Western Desert after an extensive lecture tour in South Africa.

Everybody, he said, is eager to give something either in cash or kind for Britain's war effort.

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MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—"As long as the British Navy retains mastery and the British air force is undefeated, a landing operation in Britain will be extraordinarily difficult," writes Trud, organ of the Soviet Trade Unions.

The newspaper adds: "The British air force is restoring its losses from its own resources and with American aid."

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